Black Silk Masks Loaded Revolvers and Articles of Burglar's Loot Found in His Home

IDENTIFIED AS SPRINGFIELD ROBBER

And Murderer of Miss Martha B. Blackstone-Recognized by Members of Household He Entered Last Thursday Night - How Spencer's Arrest was Brought About-Member of Lebanon, Conn., Family.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, April 5-The cotton mar-

been bringing cotton here from wher-ever available in order to protect themselves against a threatening cor-

Washington, April 5.—The position in which judges of the federal courts

find themselves as a result of the sal-

maintained."

Former Federal District Judge Eugene D. Saunders of New Orleans told how he had been compelled to resign his position because the salary did not enable him to live on it.

At Liverpool: April 5 Lusitania, from ew York.

SENSATIONALLY ACTIVE

Springfield, Mass., April 5.—The wanton murder last Thursday evening of Miss Martha E. Blackstone by a masked burglar at the residence of Mre. Sarah J. Dow was tonight formally charged against Bertram G. Spencer, a clerk, aged 28 years, who was arrested earlier in the day.

who a year ago was employed as a domestic at the home of L. J. Powers, told the police she was reasonably certain that Spencer was the man who had burglarized that house and threatened its inmates.

Good Work by Private Detectives.

Spencer's arrest was brought about

Spencer was identified by Mrs. Dow and Miss Lucy Dow, mother and sister respectively of Miss Harriet P. Dow, who was seriously wounded by the robber's bullets. Later, according to the police, several other people declared they identified Spencer as the man responsible for a local reign of terror a year ago, when several homes were broken into and robbed by a daring burglar who adopted some of the methods of "Raffles."

Burglar's Loct Found in His Home.

A search of Spencer's home in West Springfield immediately after his arrest resulted in the finding of two black with masks such as the victime have described the burglar as wearing, several loaded revolvers and a small

springfield immediately after his arest resulted in the finding of two black lik masks such as the victime have escribed the burglar as wearing, several loaded revolvers and a small mount of miscellaneous articles, including jewelry. The police say some these articles were identified as being portions of the loot taken by the urglar in his several raids. Stolen Articles Identified.

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Although Spencer was arrested this coming, it was not until late in the y that Mrs. Dow and her daughter ated their conviction as to his identy. Then they pleked out from the aged boot a peculiar green Indian ad belt and a pearl brooch which ey said were taken by the man who tered their home on Round Hill mustay evening. Just after this as G. A. Luddington, who was atcked and robbed at her home on place on July 25, 1969, stated her lief that Spencer was her assailant, hein she found among the articles ten by the police from Spencer's father a Merchant in Lebanon, This State.

Springfield, Mass., April 5.—During the evening half a dozen more persons whose houses had been entered by a burglar during the past year claimed to have found in the alleged loot articles taken from their homes.

Spencer is martied and has one child. His wife maintains that he was at home on last Thursday evening, the night of the Blackstone murder, after returning at 8 o'clock from a trip to Springfield after groceries.

FREE USE OF MAILS FOR MR. ROOSEVELT. teresting Discussion in House

Committee on Postoffices. New York, April 5.—Theolore Rooseveit was the theme of an
interesting discussion in the house
ommittee on postoffices today, when
the bill to grant him free use of the
linited States mails was urged upon
the members. Representative Murdock
of Kausas was the former presidents. Thursday's session and doubtless favorably reported.

"It will pass the house, of course," said Mr. Murdock. "A bill' to give Roosevelt a purple robe embroidered with diamonds would not fail of getting through the house of representatives at this particular time."

Washington. April 5.—Theodore Roosevelt and every other ex-president of the future will be entitled to send all mail free of postage if a bill favorably reported today by the house committee on postoffices becomes a law. The franking privilege also is extended to the widows of former presidents. The only requirement is the placing of autographic signatures on the exterior of the communication. The action of the committee followed a discussion during which a threat was made by Representative Murdock of Kansas to take the measure out of the lands of the committee if it did not act soon.

PHILADELPHIA STREET CAR STRIKE DECLARED ENDED

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Strike Leaders Say No.

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Strike Leaders Say No. Announcement by Rapid Transit Co.-Strike Leaders Say No.

Philiadelphia, April 5—Declaring that it had in its employ more than 5,000 of the 7,000 men needed for the present operation of its cars, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company announced today that insofar as it was concerned the strike of its former employes was at an end. The company added that for the vacancies still existing the strikers if they applied for work would be given preference over either applicants.

other applicants.

The leaders of the strike, on the other hand, maintain that the strike has settled into a struggle of endurance and that the company in the end will be forced to grant concessions and take back all of the strikers.

NO ONE BLAMED For Premature Discharge of Gun on Cruiser Charleston.

Washington. April 5.—The court of inquiry, which has been investigating the cause of the premature discharge of a gun on board the cruiser Charleston in Subig bay, Philippines, March 28, by which eight sailors lost their lives has decided that it probably was due to the firing pin, which was broken and then bent outside the vent, No blame is attached to any one.

New York.
At Genoa: April 1, Duca Di Genova, from New York: Florida, from New York.
At Trieste: April 3, Oceania, from New York.
At Marseilles: April 2, Roma, from New York.

ancisco April 5.—With \$10.—Filipino colnage in her hold passengers, including the antry, Troop E. Fourteenth and recruits, the transport alled for Manila today via the step of the Auditorium theater, died here today. She was well known as a musician and elocutionist.

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, April 5.—The senate today voted \$32,000,000 for the immediate construction of two 23,000 ton battle-ships. One of these ships is to be fitted with turbines.

San Jose, Costa Rica, April 5.—At the most orderly elections in the his-tory of the country President Ricardo Jiminez, republican, was elected presi-dent of the republic for the term of 1910-14, which begins on May 8.

London, April 5.—A unique banquet at which Lord Coleridge presided was held in London tonight, the gathering being composed of two hundred descendants of British poets. The occasion was the anniversary of the birth of Algernon Charles Swinburne, and the diners included the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lytton, Lady Lyndsay, Lady Shelley and Helen Mathers (Mrs. Henry Reeves). There were many interesting speeches and recitations.

STATEMENT BY ALBERT WOLTER ACCUSED OF GIRL'S MURDER. Says He Himself is Innocent, but Knows the Murderer.

New York, April 5.—"The murder was committed by a man with whom I had a business understanding and who had me act as his secretary in getting girls for the school of stenography we were to establish. I am innocent of the crime." This statement, made to-

In reply to a direct question whether he knew who killed the young stenog rapher, the prisoner said that while i could not be possible, as he was not in rapher, the prisoner said that while it could not be possible, as he was not in the house at the time, he felt that he knew the man. This friend, he asserted had access to his apartments.

Wolter produced a letter which he said he had received the evening after his arrest. It was written in German and was signed "The man who ought to be in prison in your place." One paragraph from this letter said: "In the event you are convicted I shall then come forward, mawe a full confession of my guilt and save you from the electric chair."

The police do not place much faith in Wolter's statements nor in the letter.

TWO WOMEN WALKING WESTWARD FOR THREE WEEKS.

Apply to the Utica Authorities for Assistance-Slept by Roadside.

Utica, N. Y., April 5.—Having walked all the way from Worcester, Mass., two women applied for assistance to the local authorities today. They were Mrs. Robert W. Brown and Mrs. Fred C. Clark of Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Brown, four months ago, learned that her father was ill in Boston. With her husband, her friend, Mrs. Clark and the latter's husband, they dec'ded to visit their former home, for they all once lived in Boston. They came east by train and on the return had money only to pay their way to Worcester. For the last three weeks they have been walking westward, sleeping by the side of the road. They will be given a chance to earn money here for the continuation of their trip.

CONNECTICUT CO. TROLLEYMEN Road Officials on Question

Higher Wages. Hartford Railroad company, here tonight it was voted to go back to the
company and ask for another meeting
with the officials for the purpose of
securing a higher rate of wages than
the company offered in reply to the
former demands of the men.

The company has offered the men a
scale ranging from 21 1-2 cents to 26
an hour, and this scale has been accepted by all but the New Haven and
Springfield (Mass.) unions. The two
latter refused to accept it and the action taken tonight was the outcome.

Rev. Charles O. Day.

Andover, Mass., April 5.—Rev. Chares O. Day, D. D., LL.D., formerly president of the Andover Theological Seminary and secretary of the Congregational Education society, died suddenly of heart failure today while visitink at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Robert P. Keep.

Dr. Day resigned from the Andover Semintry in 1908, a year before the removal of the seminary to Cambridge. He accepted a pastorate later at Barnett, Vt., but was compelled by failing elaith to retire last summer.

He was born in Catskill, N. Y., at which place the funeral services will be held next Friday afternoon. He was graduated from Yale in 1872, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1877. During the Spanish-American war he served as chaplain of the First Vermont infantry at Chickamauga.

gro Prisoners.

Keo, Arkansas, April 5.—A mob composed entirely of negroes overpowered Constable Mallory of Keo, four miles north of here, last night, seized his two prisoners, both negroes. one a woman, and shot them to death, after which their bodies were strung up. The victims were charged with killing the husband of the woman.

Windham County Authorities Have Been Notified and Their Action is

The physician, however, is a resident of Windham county, and out of the jurisdiction of the authorities of this county. Although the authorities of Windham county have had the evidence necessary for the apprehension of the physician since Sunday night, for some reason, known only to themselves, they seemed to be in no hurry to arrest him.

St. Mary's Saciety Meeting.

The regular meeting of St. Mary's T. A. and B. society was held Tuesday evening in the T. A. B. building, with President Lewis A. Andrews in the chair. Routine business was transacted, and one member was transferred from the Cadets to the senior society. Word was received that big delegations from Westerly and New London soften the April

Peruvian Forces Hartford Elects Under Arms Democratic Mayor

PREPARED TO ADVANCE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

READY TO FIGHT ECUADOR

acter-Assault Upon Consulate Buildings-Warlike Demonstrations

Lima, Peru, April 5.—The forces Lima, Peru, April 5.—The forces of Peru are under arms awaiting eventualities with Ecuador. Admiral Villavicencio has been placed in command of the fleet and Colonel Alvarez put at the head of all the land forces in the department of Lambayeque. The full fighting strength is prepared to advance at a moment's notice. What Washington Learns.

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Washington, April 5.—Notwithstanding the warlike demonstrations which are taking place daily in the Ecuadorean cities of Guayaquil and Quito, as well as in Lima, Peru, which admittedly are of the gravest character, there still is hope of an amicable adjustment of the difficulties between the two countries.

From inquiries at the state department and elsewhere there is reason to believe that the government of Ecuador has expressed an inclination to attempt the adjustment by direct negotiations with Peru, at Washington, but Peru's attitude is not yet known.

Guavaguit Consulted Building At. Guayaquil Consulate Buildings Attacked.

A despatch from Lima, dated last midnight, says that the Peruvian government had received alarming reports from their consul at Guayaquil giving the details of the assault upon the consulate buildings.

The report declares the police of Guayaquil and the government troops were present during the assault, but did not interfere.

The Peruvian government, the despatch stated, was pessimistic as to the outcome of those hostilities and would immediately demand reparation from Ecuador.

As soon as this news reached Lima guards were at once placed over the Ecuadorean legation, but notwithstanding this precaution a mob of students attacked the Ecuadorean legation and consulate buildings and tore away their shields. The president of Peru addressed the crowds, advising patience, but the mob was wildly excited and further trouble is feared.

Censorship of Despatches.

Guavuil April 5.—The Peruylan con-

Guayuii, April 5.—The Peruvian con-sul left here tonight for Caliao. The American consul has taken charge of Peruvian interests. The government has established a censorship of all de-

DENVER MERCHANT'S

FAMILY IN DANGER Threatening Letter from Spain, Written in Italian.

Denver, Col., April 5.—Frank A. Sposato, a commission merchant, to-day received a blackmail letter from fram Madrid, Spain, written in Italian December 1.

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Washington Building for Inauguration Balls.

Washington, April 5.—A building so arranged as to serve the purpose of accommodating inauguration balls is a possibility, if the report of a commission appointed to draft plans for an armory for the District of Columbia militia be approved finally and appropriations made therefor by congress. The plans were prepared by a committee of New York architects and four different suggestions made. The committee recommends that plans counterplating either a concrete building or a structure faced with granite be

Two Bodies Found in James River.
Buchanan, Va., April 5.—The bodies of Dewitt J. Powell, aged 35, and Miss Myra Ayers, aged 21, who have been missing since yesterday, were found today in James river near here. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Miss Ayers came to her death from drowning and that she committed suicide, while Powell lost his life in an effort to save her. It is said that Miss Ayers was in love with Powell and that she had mad ethreats to kill herseff.

Badly Burned at Rubbish Fire.

Waterbury, Conn., April 5.—Helen Horan, 6 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Horan, was badly burned about the body today and her mother had both hands burned trying to extinguish the flames. The child's clothes were ignited at a rubbish fire started by the mother in a lot near their home. It is not thought that the burn will prove fatal.

JOINT VOTE IN COUNCIL, 42 RE PUBLICANS, 18 DEMOCRATS,

SMITH DEFEATS HOOKER

Years-License Wins-Saloons Close

Hartford, Conn., April 5.—For the first time in six years the democrats elected a mayor today, when their candidate, Edward L. Smith, defeated Edward W. Hooker, the republican candidate, who was up for re-election, by a majority of 360. The remainder of the republican ticket was elected by majorities ranging from 200 to 300.

Triangular Fight a Feature.

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One of the features of the day was the fight between James T. Farrell and Ignatius Sullivan, democrats, and Michael J. Hafey, independent, for assessor, Farrell winning out by a small majority. The ticket elected by the republicans, which will remain in office for two years, includes a treasurer, collector, comptroller and city and town clerk.

Smith's vote was 6,555 and Hooker's 6,195. Last year Mayor Hooker defeated his opponent by 350 votes.

The democrats elected councilmen in the First, Second and Eighth wards the republicans taking the others. The joint vote in the council now stands 42 republicans and 18 democrats. License Voted.

The license vote was 7,418 yes and Midnight Closing of Saloons.

The vote on the hour of closing sa-oons was 6,472 for 12 o'clock and 2,935 for 11 o'clock. GERMANY THREATENED

WITH MONSTER STRIKE Men in the Building Trade Would Be Affected.

Berlin, April 5.—The prospect of the most extensive strike in the building trades which ever has occurred in Germany is held out by the decisive action of the delegates representing the socialist federation of trades unions, comprising 350,000 brickleyers, carpenters, masons, builders and laborers, at a meeting this evening, at which they unanimously rejected the proposed wage tariff which the master builders union had drawn up.

Such a strike would affect at least 360,000 men, apread over the entire country. About 35,000 members of the Christian trades unions in the same branches have also decided without a dissenting vote to join in throwing out the employers proposition.

LOSS OF ABOUT \$75,000

Pownal, Vt., April 6.—When it seemed certain that the village of North Pownal was going to be destroyed by fire early today the dynamiting of two houses an the arrival of outside help brought under control the fiames which had raged for four hours. A loss of about \$75,000 was caused by the burning of the old Congregational church, in the vestry of which Presidents James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur taught school during their college days at Williams, and the destruction of eight other bulldings, including the Masonic hall, a store and five dwelling houses.

This morning many people were sleeping on their furniture in the middle of the streets, where they had removed their goods when they thought their homes in danger.

New York, April 5.—Mrs. Altee V. McAloon obtained today 2 final decree of divorce from William A. McAloon, who is known on the stage as Andrew Mack. An interlocutory decree was granted in December last.

Colonel Roosevelt and the Pope.

Colonel Roosevelt's collision with the pope is a serious matter indeed and more ticklish to comment on than Vice President Fairbanks' complication. The latter might have got into it by accident, or from sectaries sympathy with the Methodists, who are so objectionable to the pope. But Mr. Roosevelt went in after full warning and the expectation that a way would be found around the difficulty. But the challenging hint from the vatican that it was hoped Mr. Roosevelt would avoid the Fairbanks mistake was too much for the spirited ex-president, and he promptly declared that if any conditions were attached that if any conditions were attached that himited his freedom his presentation to the pope was impossible. Mr. Roosevelt has a large following among the Catholics of America who respect and admire him and regard him as a triend. We wonder whether their religious loyalty will allow them to recognize in Mr. Roosevelt's attitude the only position a self respecting American of his character, fame and position could take. It will be noticed that, as usual, Colonel Roosevelt's press agent is very nimble and gets his side of the case fully presented to the world before the other side wakes up.—Waterbury American,

\$1,000,000 Oyster Business.

The size of the oyster business transacted in Bridgeport each season is but little known. Last year a total of 1.440,255 bushels of oysters changed hands in the lower basin. The prices averaged almost \$1 a bushel, so that the business as expressed in money amounted to over \$1,000,000. Not all of this money by any means remained in Bridgeport, but a good deal of it did, so that if the business should suddenly come to an end the loss would be severely felt. The possibilities for this year's business are said to be excellent, so that it is expected that the figures of last year will be exceeded.

Condensed Telegrams

Explorers Climbing Mt. McKinley have encountered a wall of ice 4000 feet high.

Prof. Richard Abegg of the Univer-sity of Breslau was killed in a balloon-ing accident.

Fire Insurance Interests of New York spent \$8,500 at Albany to defeat undesirable legislation.

Judge George H. Williams, the last surviving member of President Grant's sabinet, died in Portland, Ore.

Joseph M. Huston, architect of the state capitol at Harrisburg, Pa., charged with fraud, was placed on trial. Commander John H. Shipley of the Detroit has been selected as American naval attache to the embassy at To-

Rising to a Question of personal priv-liege, Senator Benn Conger announced that he intended to resign from the general assembly of New York.

Crawford M. Bishop of Glyndon, Md., has been appointed a student interpreter in the diplomatic corps and assigned to the American legation at Peking, China.

Miss Freda Norreuce Was Shot and killed in San Francisco by Nathan Pól-lock, a rejected suitor, while standing on a crowded street corner with Sam-uel Goldberg. Senators Elkins and Hale attempted

Burglars in Webb City, Mo., stole a 4.000 pound safe from Richard Jenkins' pool hall, hauled it in a stolen wagon two miles into the country and blew it open, obtaining \$152 in cash.

Former Vice President Fairbanks de-clined the offer of President Taft to act as special envoy of the United States to Bunos Ayres on the occasion of the centenary celebration to be held there.

Believing His Wife, who was walk-ing the floor with her six months old child in her arms, was a burglar, June Vandervoort, a Kansas farmer, shot and killed her with a shotgun. The

CHICAGO ELECTION. erats Gain Majority in City Coun-

cil-Suffragette Not Allowed to Vote chicago, April 5.—Democrats today sained a majority in the city council for the first time in several years, Of the 35 aldermen chosen, one from each ward, the democrats elected 21 the republicans 12 and the independents 2. The new council will be composed of 29 democrats, 29 republicans and two independents.

peared at the polls and demanded a ballot. Her name apeared on the list of "registered voters," but she was not allowed to vote.

Chicago, April 5.—Incomplete returns tonight on the local option elections held in 240 cities and towns throughout Illinois today, showed gains for the "wets." These figures showed that 22 towns changed from "dry" to "wet" and 13 changed from "wet" to "dry."

and 13 changed from "dry" to "wet" Of 95 towns, 43 voted "wet."

WOMEN FURNISHED SAWS. Two Military Prisoners Escape from

Denver, Col., April 5.—Alded by two women who are thought to have smuggled saws with which to cut the bars of a window and provided an automobile for their flight, two military prisoners escaped today from the guard bouse at Fort Logan. The men were A. T. Shaw, awaiting sentence for robbery, and J. P. Smith, an army deserter from Fort Leavenworth, arrested recently at La Junia, Colorado.

Soldiers scouring the country for the escaped men, learned that they fled in an automobile with two women.

lieutenant governor, and adopted a platform that indorses among other things a protective tariff, a tariff commission, conservation of natural resources, the Roosevelt policies and the administration of President Taft.

Masked Men Robbed the First Na-onal bank of Randolph, Neb., of \$10.- Responsibility Generally is Placed on Shoulders of Papal Secretary of State

ROOSEVELT REPUDIATES AN ATTEMPT

Of Methodist Organization in Rome to Interpret His Action as Endorsement of Their Work-Reception to Members of American Colony Called Off-Ex-President Vexed at Pastor Tipple's Statement.

development in the Roosevelt-vatican incident today was Mr. Roosevelt's repudiation of an attempt of the Methodist organization here to interpret his HOT TALK BY BISHOP M'INTYRE

This repudiation took the form of calling off a reception to the members of the American colony which was to have been held tomorrow night at the embassy, and it resulted directly from the isauance of a statement yesterday by the Rev. B. M. Tipple, pastor of the American Methodist church, in which he severely arraigned the Roman Catholic church.

Figree Religious Tumult Deprecated. dent that his countrymen, Catholic as well as Protestant, when the facts in the case are clearly and dispassionately examined, will sustain his position.

When the vatican statement, likening the situation to what might occur in Germany if he visited the Polish separatists after seeing the emperor, was called to Mr. Roosevelt's attention,

he said:
"If the German emperor should place as a condition to an audience that I should not see the Poles, I should make a similar reply: "Upon that condition I shall be compelled to forego the pleasure of an audience."

Catholics Disapprove of Vatican's

A phase of the situation which is attracting more and more attention here is the open disapproval of the vatican's action expressed by numerous Catholics. This is not confined to laymen, but extends to the heirarchy and even to the sacred college itself. Some of the cardinals have privately expressed dissent from action which places the church in a position in any way hostile to Mr. Roosevelt.

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Except for the arrest of about forty salconkeepers for keeping open during voting time, the election was quiet. The suffrageftes attempted to wedge in a vote when Dr. Sara Janson appeared at the polls and demanded a ballot. Her name ancared on the list

state against the colonel of the Rough Riders in Cuba."

Merry Del Val's father, formerly the Spanish ambassador to the vatican, who is now in Rome, and who often complained of the haughty and boastful attitude of the United States in the days of Spain's defeat, said to a friend: "It seems providential that my son should be the man to humble a Yankee president."

Signor Ferra, sovereign grand com-mander of the supreme council, An-cient Scottish Rite, with a deputation, called at Colonel Roosevelt's apart-ments and conferred upon him a high Masonic title.

Dinner at British Embassy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt dined this evening at the British embassy as the guests of Sir J. Rennell Rodd. Tomorrow they will have lunch with Guglielmo Ferrero, the historian, and in the evening Mr. Roosevelt will be the guest of honor at the municipality dinner.

ants in the United States will result from the Roosevelt-vatican incident is the opinion of Father Fleming, vice president of Georgetown university, who talked freely today of the affair.

"Of course, every politician will try to make capital out of this matter," he said, "but the truth is that there is not a Catholic in America who would not admire Colonel Roosevelt for the clever way in which he has acted. All Catholics will admire the sane and sensible view that Mr. Roosevelt has taken of the incident, and, on the other hand, I see no reason why every Protestant should not fully understand, without any offense, the action of the pope."

Old Spanish Atmosphere Dominates the

Rome, April 5.-The chief material | the whole. Another year of Merry del

Latter Challenged to Depate Vaticas

Incident in American Fashion,

St. Paul; Minn, April 5.—Following the publication of a statement from Archbishop Ireland regarding the Roosevelt-Vatican incident, Elshop Robert McIntyre of the southern Minnesota conference of the Methodi. Episcopal church, who is visiting in Saratoga, N. Y. tonight telegraphed the following to the Plonaer Fress.

"A telegram from my home city shows that Archbishop ireland has again attacked the Methodist Episcopal church and dragged it into the Roosevelt episode in Rome, when it had no part or share in the matter. had no part or share in the matter. "He calls my people vite, dishorest and calumnious, I bore the Fairbanks slander from him without reply, but my patience is now exhausted. I hereby brand John Ireland as a double tongued falsifier of God's people, a cowardly acquier of men better than hilmself, who are offering Italians the free grace of God without any terms

question in American fashion in the open forum when I reach St. Phul. I have a great Christian love for the Roman Catholic people but the papal machine has a blood-red record that stains centuries of history.
"Ireland seems to fear Methodism, and with good reason. It stands for justice, liberty, open-minded brother-liness and equal gospel privileges to

Archbishop Ireland, when shown the statement of Bishop Melniyre, tonight, prepared a statement which said in "The message received from Bishop

Roosevelt Congratulated on His Stand.

Mr. Roosevelt has received many messages not only from friends in the United States endorsing his action, but from people throughout Europe, many of whom he does not know. Hundreds of telegrams from both Catholics and Protestants in America, congratulating him on his stand relative to the conditions imposed by the vatican, have reached him, and this afternoon when he returned to his hotel he found an American priest now located in Rome who warmly felicitated him upon what he had done, saying he believed American. Catholics would endorse his action.

The ex-president, however, declined to give out any of these telegrams, on the ground that they would only serve to envenom the controversy he seeks to abate.

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groin. The latter is at McKees Rocks hospital.

Friedman and Schwartz were aione in the bank, which does a foreign exchange business on the outsidrts of McKees Rocks, counting the day's cash, which was spread upon the counter, when four foreigners intuded the piace with revolvers. Friedman was shot twice, while one of the men scooped up the money, but as they ran the wounded man, Friedman followed them, shouting for help, only to fall with another voiley from the robbers.

Sends Notification to Contractors. Hartford, April 5.—Highway Com-missioner James II. MacDonald today notified contractors having unfinished road work on their hands to open at

such work on April 15. The letter "This date is set so as to have unf formity, but it will be subject to change by order of selectmen, owing to the fact that the different climatic conditions existing in the several towns of the state make it impossible to set an earlier date, or one that shall be arbitrary to govern the ac-tion of all towns."

Cleveland, O., April 5.—Three cent street railway fares on the Cleveland Traction system have not only proved a paying venture, but after a month's operation promises to give a handsome surplus to the railway company. The statement issued today by the company covering its operations for the month of March shows a probable profit of .66 cents over the average car mile expense, or \$13,904.24, and above operating expenses and the six per cent return allowed the stockholders.

Suit for Divorce is Dropped. Franklin, Pa., April 5.—It was learned today that the suit for divorce instituted by Major General Charles Miller, the millionaire oil man, against his wife, Mrs. Emma A. Miller, has been dropped. The subpoens in the case was never served, Mrs. Miller having led the process servers a merry chase through the state, and she is now believed to be in New York. The aftorney in announcing the cancellation of the suit today would not explain the motive for the action.